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The references in the supplemental IDS of 05/30/03 have been considered. The findings are that none of the prior art references teaches or renders obvious a method for forming a capacitor limitations found in claims 22-24 and 77-81 comprising inter alia the following limitations: Forming a first conductive layer in a first environment comprising a oxygen-free environment; exposing the first conductive layer to a nitrogen free passivation gas in the oxygen-free environment; and depositing a second conductive layer over the first conductive layer.

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